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Part I: Introduction to Title II Reporting

A. Introduction

Sections 205 through 208 of Title II of the *Higher Education Act (HEA)*, as amended in 2008, (PL 110-315) call for accountability for programs that prepare teachers. Section 205 of Title II requires reports from each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program or an alternative route to state certification or licensure program and that enrolls students receiving federal assistance under *HEA* (e.g., Title IV). In addition, states must be able to report on alternative routes to teacher certification or licensure that are operated by entities that are not institutions of higher education. The law can be accessed at http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea08/index.html.

A teacher preparation program is a state-approved course of study, the completion of which signifies that an enrollee has met all the state's educational and/or training requirements for initial certification or licensure to teach in the state's elementary, middle or secondary schools. A teacher preparation program may be either a traditional program or an alternative route to certification, as defined by the state. Also, it may be within or outside an institution of higher education. For the purposes of Title II reporting, all traditional teacher preparation programs at a single institution of higher education are considered to be a single program. The law requires institutions of higher education to submit timely and accurate reports or risk a fine of up to \$27,500.

Teacher preparation programs, both traditional and alternative, report to their states, which report to the U.S. Department of Education. Since 2001, the Office of Postsecondary Education at the U.S. Department of Education has collected data from states on teacher preparation programs and their students, as well as states' assessment and licensing of teacher candidates. State certification requirements and policy-related information have also been collected.

While annual Title II reporting is required by law, the mechanisms IHEs use to report are determined by the state. The Institutional and Program Report Card (IPRC) data entry system is an online tool by which institutions of higher education and other organizations with state-approved teacher preparation programs can meet the annual reporting requirements on teacher preparation, certification and licensing mandated by Title II. If a state chooses to use the IPRC system, all IHEs in the state must report to the state using this system.

This manual provides an overview of Title II reporting for IHEs, including reporting requirements and cycles, key definitions and guidance on using the IPRC system. For purposes of this manual, all entities reporting to their state under Title II will be referred to as IHE(s).

B. Reporting Requirements

Section 205(a) of Title II requires each IHE to report annually on:

- Basic aspects of its teacher preparation program, such as admissions requirements; number of students enrolled by gender, ethnicity and race; information about supervised clinical experience; the number of students who have been certified or licensed as teachers; and the number of program completers;
- Goals for increasing the number of teachers trained in shortage areas and assurances about aspects of teacher training;
- How well groups of students perform on initial state licensing and certification assessments;
- Approval or accreditation of the teacher preparation program and whether the program is under a designation of "low-performing;" and
- Information about preparing teachers to use technology, to participate as a member of individualized education program teams and to teach students with disabilities or who are limited English proficient.

Table 1 highlights each section of the report card and whether a narrative or numeric response is required. A narrative response to a question may include checking yes or no, selecting from a list of possible responses or typing a response in a text box. A numeric response asks for you to type a number in a box or upload a data file. Sections may require only narrative responses, only numeric responses or both types of responses.

Table 1. Types of responses by report section

Report Section	Narrative	Numeric
Admissions requirements	✓	
Enrollment		✓
Supervised clinical experience	✓	✓
Certification		✓
Program completers		✓
Annual goals	✓	✓
Assurances	✓	
Pass rates		✓
Low-performing	✓	
Use of technology	✓	
Teacher training	✓	

C. Reporting Cycles

The data elements required by Title II refer to different points in time. For example, admissions requirements are based on the most current information available, while enrollment is based on a specific academic year. Table 2 shows each report section and the corresponding data collection year/cycle for each reporting year.

Table 2. Data collection year/cycle by report section

Reporting year			
Report section	2010	2011	2012
Admission requirements	Most recent information	Most recent information	Most recent information
Enrollment	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010	Academic year 2010-2011
Supervised clinical experience	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010	Academic year 2010-2011
Certification	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010	Academic year 2010-2011
	Academic year 2007-2008	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010
	Academic year 2006-2007	Academic year 2007-2008	Academic year 2008-2009
Program completers	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010	Academic year 2010-2011
	Academic year 2007-2008	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010
	Academic year 2006-2007	Academic year 2007-2008	Academic year 2008-2009
Annual goals	Most recent academic year	Most recent academic year	Most recent academic year
Assurances	Most recent information	Most recent information	Most recent information
Pass rates-program completers	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010	Academic year 2010-2011
	Academic year 2007-2008	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010
	Academic year 2006-2007	Academic year 2007-2008	Academic year 2008-2009
Pass rates—all enrolled students who have completed nonclinical courses	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010	Academic year 2010-2011
Pass rates—other enrolled students	Academic year 2008-2009	Academic year 2009-2010	Academic year 2010-2011
Low-performing	Most recent information	Most recent information	Most recent information
Use of technology	Most recent information	Most recent information	Most recent information
Teacher training	Most recent information	Most recent information	Most recent information

D. Key Definitions

Below are some key definitions for Title II reporting. Additional definitions can be found in the IPRC system's glossary.

- Academic year: A period of 12 consecutive months, starting September 1 and ending August 31.
- Alternative route to certification or licensure: A teacher preparation program that primarily serves candidates who are the teacher of record in a classroom while participating in the route. Alternative route teacher preparation programs are defined as such by the state.
- *Enrolled student*: A student who has been admitted to a teacher preparation program, but who has not yet completed the program.
- *Initial certification*: The first teaching certificate or license issued to an individual. The specific certificates or licenses classified as initial certification in each state are defined by the state.
- Program completer: A person who has met all the requirements of a state-approved teacher preparation program. Program completers include all those who are documented as having met such requirements. Documentation may take the form of a degree, institutional certificate, program credential, transcript or other written proof of having met the program's requirements. In applying this definition, the fact that an individual has or has not been recommended to the state for initial certification or licensure may not be used as a criterion for determining who is a program completer.
- Teacher preparation program: A state-approved course of study, the completion of which signifies that an enrollee has met all the state's educational and/or training requirements for initial certification or licensure to teach in the state's elementary, middle or secondary schools. A teacher preparation program may be either a traditional program or an alternative route to certification, as defined by the state. Also, it may be within or outside an IHE. For the purpose of reporting, all traditional teacher preparation programs at a single IHE are considered to be a single program.
- Traditional teacher preparation program: A teacher preparation program that primarily serves undergraduate students without prior teaching or work experience and leads at least to a bachelor's degree.¹

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¹ Some traditional teacher preparation programs may lead to a teaching credential but not a degree. A traditional teacher preparation program in the outlying areas may lead to an associate's degree.

E. General Information for IHE Reporting

Please note the following general reminders about IHE Title II reporting.

- Your report is due on or before April 30.
- The focus of Title II reporting is on initial teacher certification or licensure. When gathering data and completing the report, do **not** include currently licensed teachers who are earning additional licenses or endorsements, or licenses for school staff other than classroom teachers (e.g., administrators, guidance counselors).
- IHEs must comply with all of the requirements outlined by their testing companies for the calculation of pass rates. IHEs may need to provide program participant information to the testing companies and work with the testing companies to verify pass rate data.
- The data reported in the IPRC system is at the aggregate level, not the individual level.
- States determine the classification of teacher preparation programs as traditional or alternative.
- IHEs with only traditional teacher preparation programs will submit one report for traditional programs. IHEs with only alternative routes will submit one report for alternative programs. IHEs with both traditional and alternative programs will submit two reports—one for the traditional routes and one for the alternative routes. The two reports are identical; the only distinction is the type of program reporting.
- IHEs are encouraged to use the text boxes throughout the report, and the optional contextual section, to provide additional information to describe the teacher preparation program and to provide context for the data being reported.
- IHEs may need to request data from their state in order to complete the report(s). Section 208(c) of Title II requires states to provide to a teacher preparation program, at the request of the program, any and all pertinent education-related information that is possessed, controlled or accessible by the state that may enable the program to evaluate the effectiveness of the program's graduates or the program itself.

F. Benefits to Using the IPRC System

Using the IPRC data entry system is not required by law; however, it has been designed to help IHEs, and ultimately states, with their data collection process. Benefits to using this system include:

- There is no cost to use this system.
- This system allows users to work on the report at their own pace by saving data electronically as they work.
- Data submitted using this system will be pre-populated into the state report.
- Narrative information entered in the first year will be pre-populated in the next year's report.

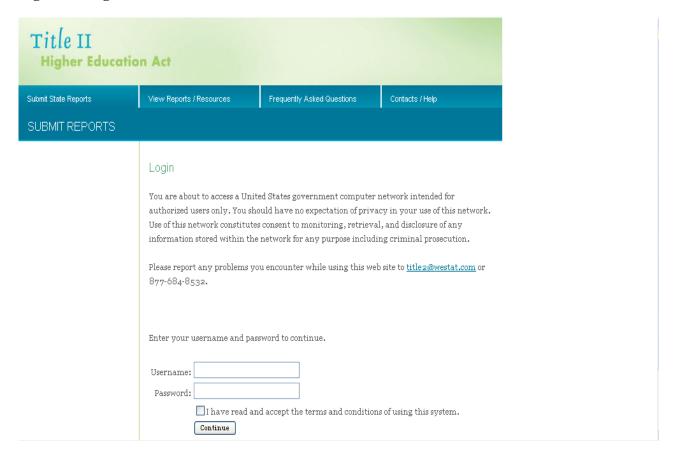
Part II: Using the IPRC System for Title II Reporting

A. Logging In and Logging Out

To log in to the on-line Title II Institutional and Program Report Card system (IPRC), follow these steps:

- 1. Go to this Website: https://title2.ed.gov/Title2IPRC/default.aspx. You may want to bookmark this Website or set it as a favorite for future reference.
- 2. Type the username and password given to you by Westat in the username and password fields.
- 3. Click the box next to **I have read and accept the terms and conditions of using this system** and click on the Continue button. You can also tab to the Continue button and press Enter (see Figure 1). If you do not check this box, the system will not allow you to log in. A pop-up box will appear reminding you to accept the terms and conditions of using this system.

Figure 1. Login screen

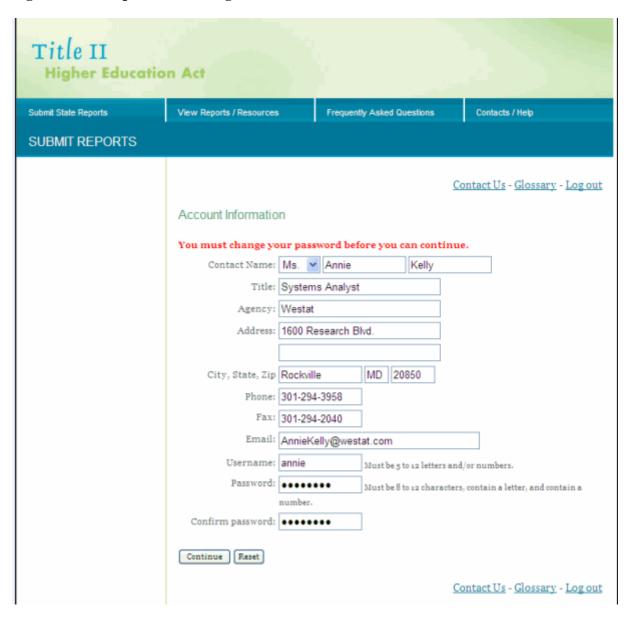


The first time you log into the IPRC, you will be prompted to change your password (see Figure 2). Your new password must meet the following requirements:

- Must be 8-12 characters in length;
- Cannot be part of your username;
- Must contain at least one letter;
- Must contain at least one number.

For example, a username of JonesB and password of Westat11 would be acceptable. Usernames and passwords are case sensitive.

Figure 2. Initial password change



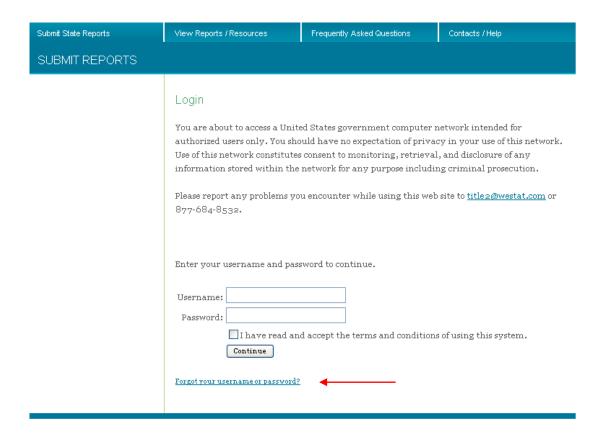
After you have successfully changed your password, click **Save** to proceed (see Section II Part C. System Features for help with the buttons).

During subsequent logins, if you enter an incorrect username and/or password, you will see a message stating, "The username/password supplied is incorrect. Please check it before trying again." You may then re-enter the correct username and password to log in.

If you enter an incorrect username and/or password three times, you will be locked out of your account. This feature is for security purposes; however, it means that **you will not be able to access your account**. You must contact Westat, by sending an email to title2@westat.com, to unlock your account.

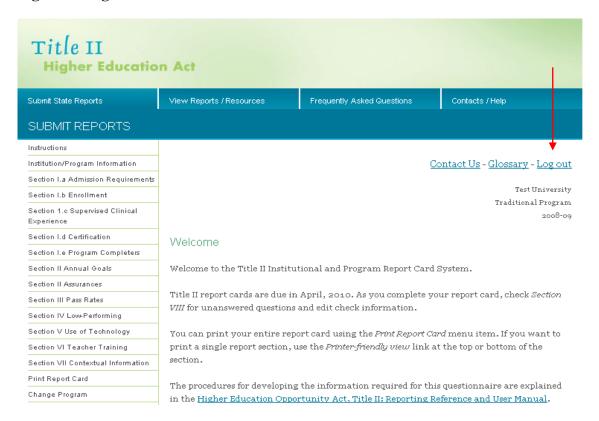
If you do not remember your username and/or password, click on the "Forgot your Username or Password?" link (see Figure 3), and your login information will be sent to you via email.

Figure 3. Forgot your username or password? Link



In the top right-hand corner and bottom right-hand corner of each page, you will see a link called **Log out** (see Figure 4). Click on this link when you want to log out of the system. This will return you to the Login Page.

Figure 4. Log out



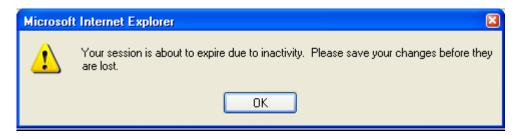
B. System Security

For security purposes, generally only one username and password is distributed to each IHE or program. If your IHE or program chooses to use multiple accounts, the IHE or program is responsible for ensuring that multiple users will not access and overwrite each others' data. Data are stored on a secure database running on a secure operating system and are accessible only by use of a username and password; thus, you are prevented from viewing others' data during the reporting period.

The IPRC automatically logs you off the system after 20 minutes of inactivity (activity includes moving to another page, saving the page, etc.). A time-out warning will notify you that your session is about to expire (see Figure 5). If data are not saved or if inactivity continues, the session will time out, and you will need to log back into the system. **Data or survey responses should be saved** at least **every 15 minutes** to avoid losing them.

Save your data at least every 15 minutes!

Figure 5. Time-out warning



C. System Features

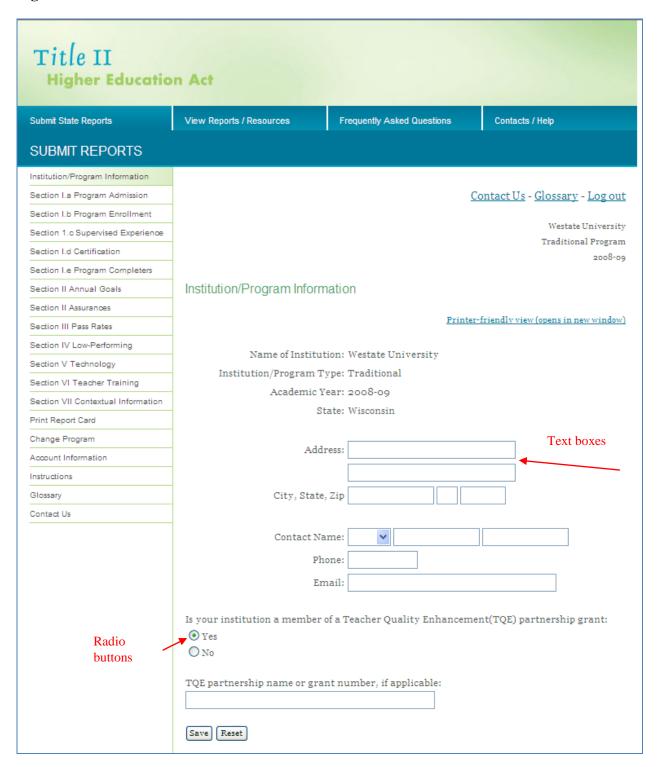
The following features can be found throughout the IPRC system:

- Radio buttons
- Text boxes
- Check boxes
- Buttons to
 - o Insert
 - o Edit
 - o Delete
 - o Check Spelling
 - o Save or
 - Reset
- Printer-friendly view
- Contact us
- Upload files

<u>Radio buttons</u>. You may choose only ONE response when using radio buttons. To select a radio button, click on it with your mouse. Once a radio button is selected, the only way to deselect it is to choose another radio button in that response.

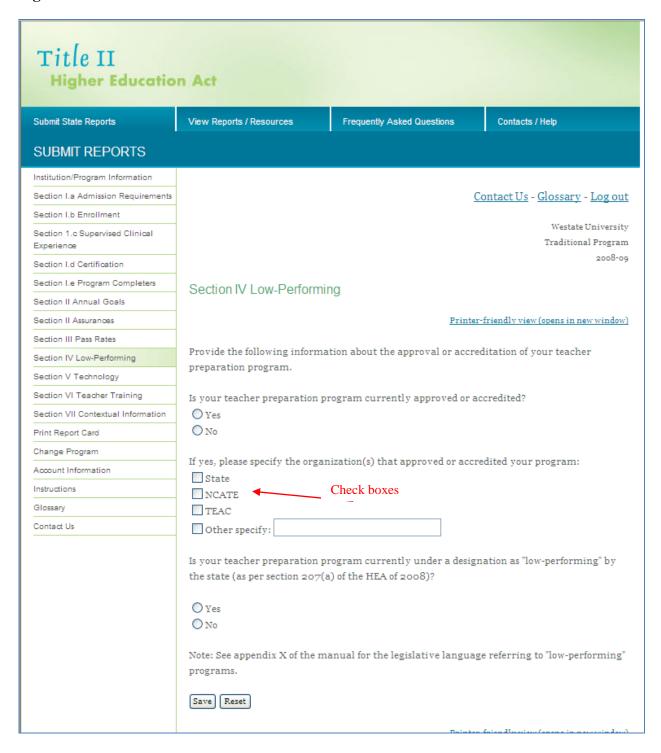
<u>Text boxes</u>. Single-line text boxes are usually limited to the size of the displayed box. Multiline text boxes do not have a character limit; however, we encourage you to **be brief, concise and to the point when entering text**. When referencing a separate document, please refer to the document title in the text box, rather than copying the entire document into it. Email the actual document to us at **title2@westat.com**. When referencing a Web address, include the entire address (including "http://"). (See Figure 6 for an example of radio buttons and text boxes.)

Figure 6. Radio buttons and text boxes



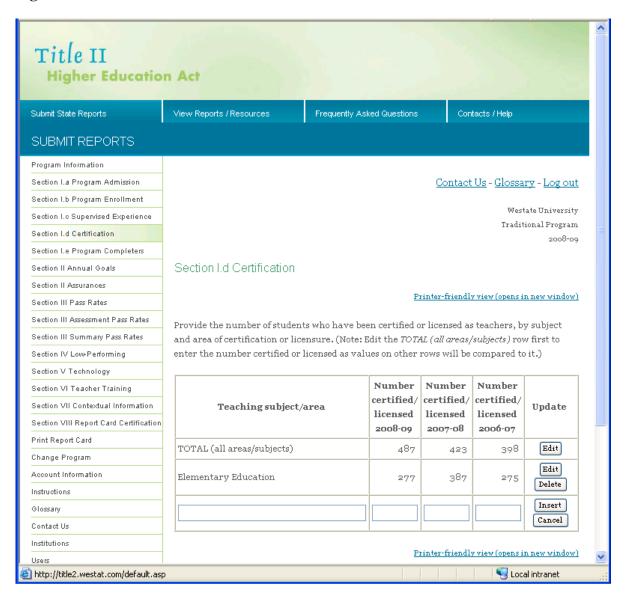
<u>Check boxes</u>. You may choose more than one check box in a single response (see Figure 7). To select a check box, click your mouse in the box (or using the Tab key, tab to the box and press the space bar). To deselect a box, click your mouse in the box (or press the space bar) again.

Figure 7. Check boxes



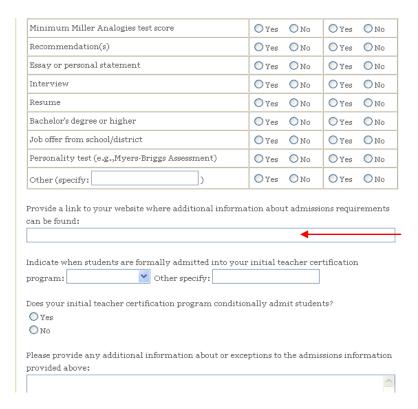
<u>Insert/Edit/Delete</u>. To add new entries, click <u>Insert</u>. To view or modify an existing entry, click <u>Edit</u>. To delete an entry, click <u>Delete</u>. You will see an alert box asking if you are sure you want to delete this item. Click on <u>OK</u> to delete the item, or click on <u>Cancel</u> if you do not want to delete the item. (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Insert/edit/delete



Some sections ask for a website. Enter the Web address, including "http://" (see Figure 9).

Figure 9. Web address



Buttons. One or more buttons are at the bottom of each survey section. Please make special note of the following two buttons: **Save** and **Reset**. A description of each is below.

Save: Selecting this button saves data in the section and keeps you in that

> section. If you will be working on the same section for a long time, we recommend that you save your data at least every 15 minutes (see Security). Use this button to save your data periodically as you work

through a section.

Reset: This button will reset all fields in the section to their last saved value.

> For example, if you make changes to a saved section but do not want to save the changes, use the **Reset** button. The section will return to how it

appeared the last time you saved it.

Check Spelling. If you want to check the spelling in a section, click on the button at the bottom of the page marked, "Check Spelling." A new window will open that lists spelling errors and suggests replacements. This feature is similar to those used in word processing programs. In order for the spell-check feature to work properly, your browser must allow popup windows. Please disable any pop-up blockers to use this feature.

Glossary. If you want to check the definition of a word listed in the glossary, click on the Glossary link at the top or bottom of the page. A new window will open with the glossary. **Printer-Friendly View.** To print the current section of the report, click on the printer-friendly view link at the top or bottom of the page. A new window will open with the report section that is formatted for printing. To print the section, use your browser print function. You cannot enter data in printer-friendly view; you can only view the questions and data that have been entered. The feature is helpful for printing a section after you complete it so that you can review your work.

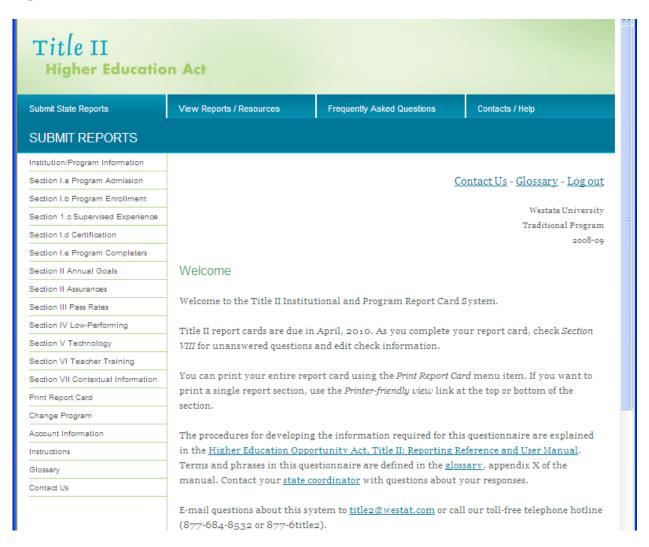
<u>Contact Us.</u> If you need technical assistance with this Website, click the Contact Us link. A new window will open with email and telephone contact information. Contact your state Title II coordinator with questions about your responses.

<u>Upload Files</u>. Some sections allow you to upload files. You will first need to attach the file that you want to upload and then click the upload button.

D. Report Navigation

Once you log into the IPRC, you will be able to access all sections of the report (see Figure 10). You can access any section of the survey by clicking the links on the left side of the page. You can also access other information, such as the instructions and glossary. Questions included in the report come from the reporting requirements in Title II. Each reporting section contains a reference to the specific section of the law requiring the question(s) (e.g., $(\S205(a)(1)(C)(i))$) and a link to the law for your reference.

Figure 10. Main menu



Change Program

IHEs that need to complete both a traditional and an alternative route report can use the **Change Program** page to toggle between the traditional report and alternative route report (see Figure 11). You will be brought to the Welcome screen each time you switch between the two reports. IHEs that need to complete only one type of report will not have access to both report types. At the top and bottom of each page is an indication of what report you are completing. The name of your IHE is shown, along with the type of report (traditional or alternative) and the academic year that is considered to be the "current" academic year that you are reporting on. Be sure that you are in the correct report before you enter data.

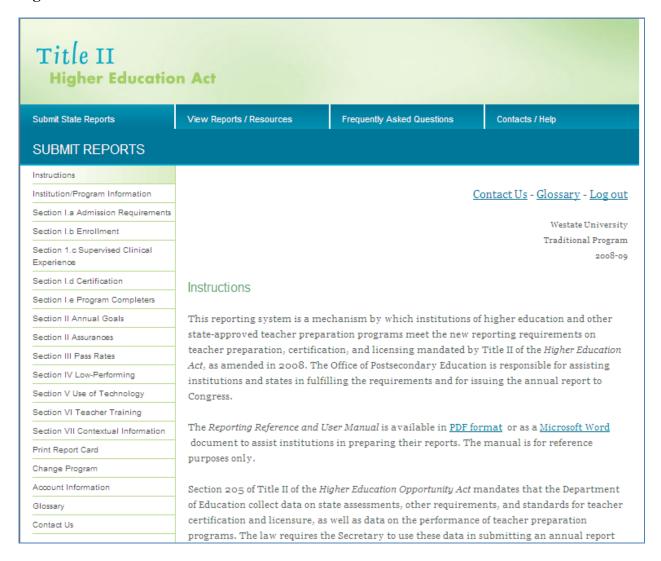
Figure 11. Change program



Instructions

From the left side of the page, click on the link for **Instructions.** This page provides basic information about the Title II reporting and the IPRC system and also provides links to other resources (see Figure 12). You will find links to the *User Manual* here.

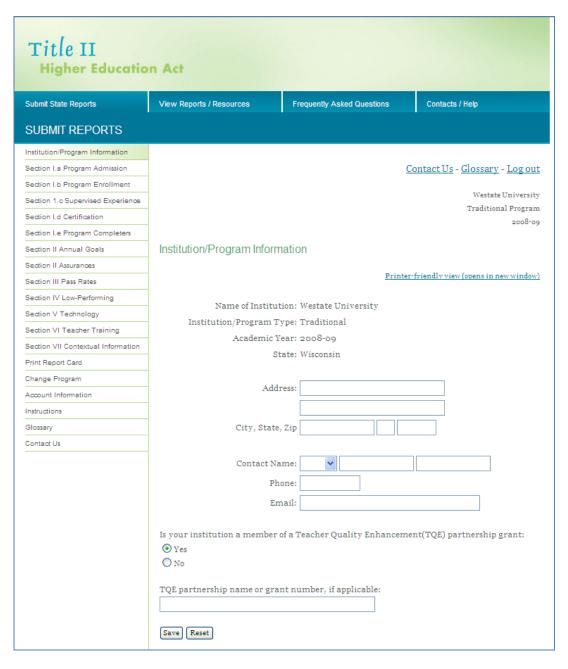
Figure 12. Instructions



Institution/Program Information

The individual listed on the Institution/Program Information page (see Figure 13) will be shown in the report card as the contact person for members of the public who would like more information. Review the contact information each year and update as necessary. If your institution is a member of a Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) partnership grant, click the Yes radio button and enter the TQE partnership name or grant number. If your institution is not part of a TQE partnership grant, click the No radio button and do not enter anything into the TQE partnership name or grant number box. Once you have entered information in this section, choose the appropriate button (Save, Reset) at the bottom of the page.

Figure 13. Institution/program information

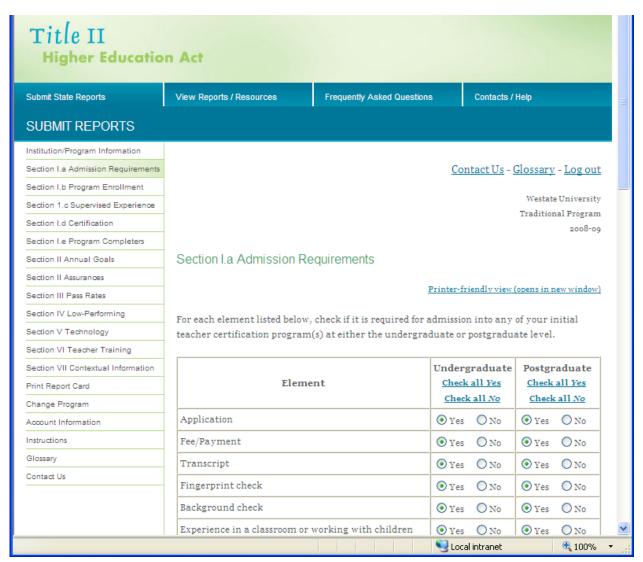


Section III: Completing the Title II Report

Section I.a. Admissions Requirements

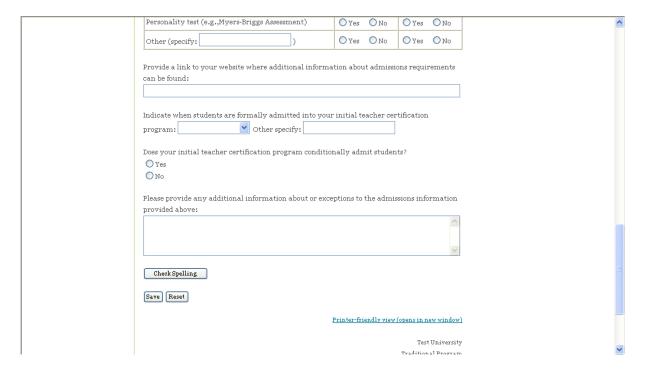
Click on the link on the left side menu for **Section I.a Admissions Requirements**. Check if each element is required for admission into any of your initial teacher certification program(s) at either the undergraduate or postgraduate level (see Figure 14). If all of the requirements are applicable, you can select **Check all Yes**, or you can select **Check all No** if none of the requirements are applicable. These selections can be found under the heading for both undergraduate and postgraduate column headings. If all of the requirements are applicable but one or two, you can click **Check all Yes** and then check No on the one or two elements that are not required.

Figure 14. Section I.a Admissions Requirements



In this section, provide additional information about admissions requirements, including your institution/program Website, timeframe when students are formally admitted into the program and whether your institution conditionally admits students. If you feel there is a need to enter any additional narrative regarding your admissions process, enter this information into the contextual box, as seen in Figure 15. This text box does not have a character limit; however, we encourage you to **be brief, concise and to the point when entering text.** Once you have entered information in the Admissions Requirements section, save your data using the **Save** button at the bottom of the page.

Figure 15. Section 1.a Admissions Requirements



You can enter data on a rolling basis, so you do not necessarily need to complete Section I.a before moving on to the next section. You can respond to one or two questions in this section, save your data and then navigate to another section of the report. However, if this section is not complete when you click the **Save** button, you will get a pop-up reminder with a list of questions that still need to be answered. The data you have entered have been saved, but additional questions may need to be answered before you complete and submit your report. This reminder is generated in real time, so each time you respond to a question, the question will be removed from the list.

Section I.b. Enrollment

On the left side of the page, click on the link for **Section I.b Enrollment.**

In this section, provide the number of students enrolled in the teacher preparation program by category (see Figure 16). The ethnicity category includes the number of Hispanic/Latino students of any race. The race category includes includes the number of students who are American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, White or Two or more races. Unknown, missing, other or other reporting categories are not permitted. Please note that you must report on the number of students by ethnicity and race separately. Individuals who are non-Hispanic/Latino will be reported in the race categories.

The following examples may be helpful in understanding how the reporting will work.

Example 1: An enrolled student self-identifies as Hispanic/Latino and as Asian. This individual is reported only in the Hispanic/Latino category.

Example 2: An enrolled student self-identifies as Hispanic/Latino and as Asian and Black or African American. This individual is reported only in the Hispanic/Latino category.

Example 3: An enrolled student self-identifies as non-Hispanic/Latino and as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. This individual is reported in the Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander category.

Example 4: An enrolled student self-identifies as non-Hispanic/Latino and as American Indian or Alaska Native and White. This individual is reported in the two or more races category.

It is understood that asking individuals to report on their race/ethnicity is optional in many places. Students should not be forced to report, and an ethnic/racial categorization should not be imposed or assumed. You will report on the race/ethnicity data that you have available, though the data may not be complete. Also, it is not expected that the sum of the enrolled students reported by race/ethnicity will equal the total number of students enrolled. For guidance from the U.S. Department of Education on the collection and reporting of racial and ethnic data, please see http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-20613.pdf.

Once you have entered information in the enrollment section, save your data using the **Save** button at the bottom of the page.

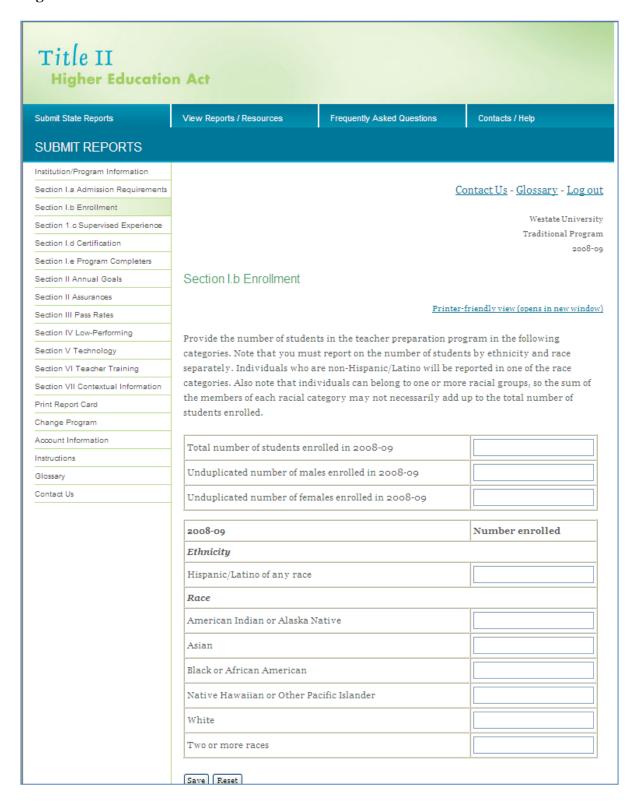
You will receive an error message in the following situations:

- The information entered is not a whole number.
- The value of any race and ethnicity category is higher than the count given for total enrollment.
- The sum of males and females is higher than the data given for the count given for total enrollment.

If you get an error message, go back and update your data and click the **Save** button. You will be able to save your work; however, your report will not be eligible for certification until the errors are cleared.

If this section is not complete when you click the **Save** button, you will get a pop-up reminder with a list of questions that still need to be answered. The data you have entered have been saved, but additional questions may need to be answered before you complete and submit your report. This reminder is generated in real time, so each time you respond to a question, the question will be removed from the list.

Figure 16. Section 1.b Enrollment



Section I.c. Supervised Clinical Experience

On the left side of the page, click on the link for Section I.c Supervised Clinical Experience.

In this section, provide information about supervised clinical experience. If you feel there is a need to enter any additionally narrative regarding supervised clinical experience, enter this information into the text box, as seen in Figure 17. This text box does not have a character limit; however, we encourage you to **be brief, concise and to the point when entering text.**

Once you have entered information in the supervised clinical experience section, save your data using the **Save** button at the bottom of the page.

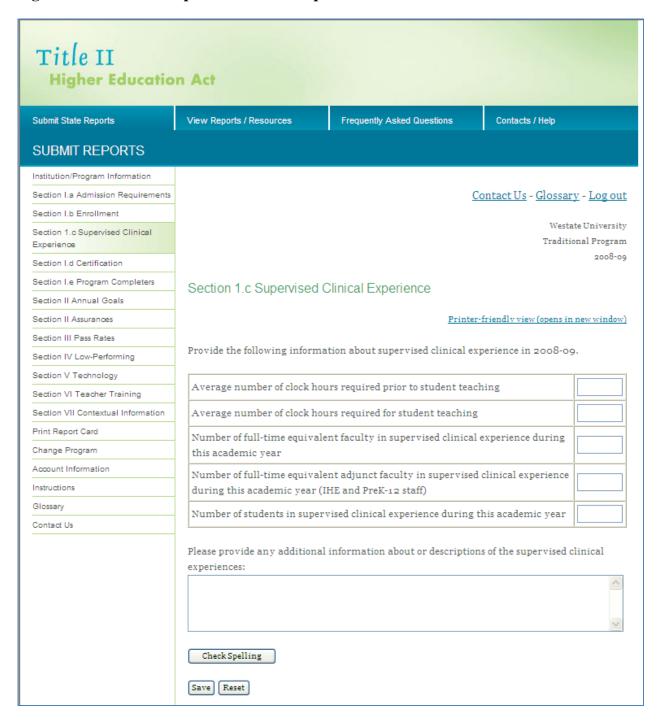
You will receive an error message in the following situations:

• The information entered is not a number

If you get an error message, go back and update your data and click the **Save** button. You will be able to save your work; however, your report will not be eligible for certification until the errors are cleared.

If this section is not complete when you click the **Save** button, you will get a pop-up reminder with a list of questions that still need to be answered. The data you have entered have been saved, but additional questions may need to be answered before you complete and submit your report. This reminder is generated in real time, so each time you respond to a question, the question will be removed from the list.

Figure 17. Section I.c Supervised clinical experience



Section I.d. Certification

On the left side of the page, click on the link for **Section I.d Certification**.

In this section, provide the number of students who have been initially certified or licensed as teachers, by subject and area of certification or licensure, for the three academic years shown. You may need to work with your state to gather this information.

Users must first enter data in the **Total** (all areas/subjects) row. In order to do this, click the **Edit** button located in the **Update** column. Users will be given the option to enter data in the **Number certified/licensed** columns only. After data have been entered, users will click the **Update** button in order for the data to be saved (see Figure 18). You can click the **Edit** button in this row to make a change to the data you entered.

The **Total** is the count of students who have been initially certified or licensed as teachers, not the count of certificates issued. Each student included in the total can be included in multiple teaching subject/areas if he/she received more than one initial certificate or license. It is not expected that the sum of the teaching subject/areas would equal the **Total**.

Test University Section I.b Enrollment Traditional Program Section 1.c Supervised Clinical 2008-09 Experience Section I.d Certification Section I.d Certification Section I.e Program Completers Section II Annual Goals Printer-friendly view (opens in new window) Section II Assurances Provide the number of students who have been certified or licensed as teachers, by subject Section III Pass Rates and area of certification or licensure. (§205(a)(1)(C)(v)) (Note: Edit the TOTAL (all greas/subjects) row first to enter the number certified or licensed as values on other rows will Section V Use of Technology be compared to it.) Section VI Teacher Training Section VII Contextual Information Number Number Number certified/ certified/ certified/ Print Report Card Teaching subject/area Update licensed licensed licensed Change Program 2008-09 2007-08 2006-07 Account Information Update Glossarv TOTAL (all areas/subjects) Cancel Contact Us Insert Cancel Printer-friendly view (opens in new window)

Figure 18. Section I.d Certification

After entering the total number of students who have been certified or licensed as teachers, you will be brought back to the main Certification screen. Enter the name of a teaching subject/area on the next row and the number of students who have been certified or licensed in this subject/area in each of the three academic years shown (see Figure 19). Click **Insert** to add this row to the table, click **Cancel** to delete this row and not add it to the table. You can click the **Edit** button in this row to make a change to the data you entered. Click **Delete** to delete this row.

You do not need to enter every teaching subject/area in the state, only those that are applicable to your IHE and have students who have been certified or licensed as teachers in those areas in any of the three academic years shown. If students were certified or licensed in a particular teaching subject/area in one of the academic years only, be sure to enter zero (0) for the other academic years in which no students were certified or licensed in this particular subject/area.

Figure 19. Section I.d Certification



You will receive an error message in the following situations:

- The information entered is not a whole number.
- Any row with data does not contain a subject area label.
- The sum of all rows is greater than the total for that academic year.
- Any row with subject area label does not contain the number of students certified.

If you get an error message, go back and update your data and click the **Insert** button. Use the **Edit** button to make any additional edits to the data in that row. You will be able to save your work; however, your report will not be eligible for certification until the errors are cleared.

If a row is not complete when you click the **Insert** button, you will get a pop-up reminder with a list of questions that still need to be answered. The data you have entered have been saved, but additional questions may need to be answered before you complete and submit your report. This reminder is generated in real time, so each time you respond to a question, the question will be removed from the list.

Section 1.e. Program Completer

On the left side of the page, click on the link for **Section I.e Program Completers**.

In this section, report the number of program completers for the three academic years shown (see Figure 20). Refer to the definition of program completer, found in Part I, Section D, of this user manual. Program completer data may be included with the pass rate information sent by the testing company or the state.

Once you have entered information in the program completer section, choose the appropriate button (**Save**, **Reset**) at the bottom of the page.

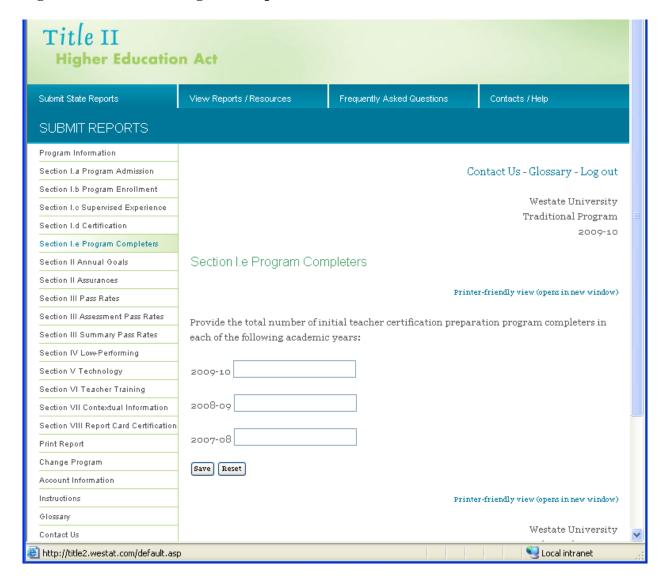
You will receive an error message in the following situations:

• The information entered is not a whole number.

If you get an error message, go back and update your data and click the **Save** button. You will be able to save your work; however, your report will not be eligible for certification until the errors are cleared.

If this section is not complete when you click the **Save** button, you will get a pop-up reminder with a list of questions that still need to be answered. The data you have entered have been saved, but additional questions may need to be answered before you complete and submit your report. This reminder is generated in real time, so each time you respond to a question, the question will be removed from the list.

Figure 20. Section I.e Program completer



Section II. Annual Goals and Assurances

Section II is divided into two parts. The first part asks about annual goals; the second is about assurances. Select the link on the left to complete **Section II. Annual Goals** (see Figure 21) or **Section II Assurances** (see Figure 22).

When completing the **Annual Goals** section, be sure to provide the following information for each teacher shortage area:

- Enter the academic year in the correct format (i.e., 2008-09).
- Enter your quantifiable goal in the Goal box. IHEs that do not have a teacher preparation program in an area can enter NA for that area in the Goal box.
- Check Yes or No to indicate if the goal was met.
- Enter a description of the strategies used to achieve the goal.
- Enter a description of steps to improve your performance in meeting the goal or lessons learned in meeting the goal.

The Other shortage area row can be used when you have a shortage area other than the ones shown. Your state may have specified other shortage areas applicable to your state.

If you would like to enter any additional narrative regarding your annual goals, enter these data into the contextual box at the end of the section. This text box does not have a character limit; however, we encourage you to **be brief, concise and to the point when entering text.**

In the **Assurances** section, check Yes or No for each statement. In the text box, describe your institution's most successful strategies in meeting the assurances. You can also use this box and the optional contextual information section (Section VII) to provide context for your responses.

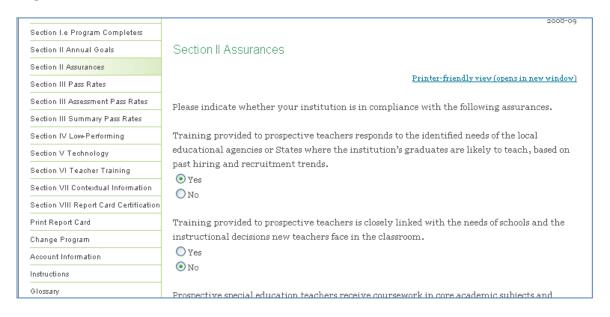
As you enter information into each of these sections, choose the appropriate button (**Save**, **Reset**) at the bottom of the page.

If the section is not complete when you click the **Save** button, you will get a pop-up reminder with a list of questions that still need to be answered. The data you have entered have been saved, but additional questions may need to be answered before you complete and submit your report. This reminder is generated in real time, so each time you respond to a question, the question will be removed from the list.

Figure 21. Section II Annual goals

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Section I.d Certification				
Section I.e Program Completers	Section II Annual Goals			
Section II Annual Goals				
Section II Assurances		Printer-friendly view (opens in new window)		
Section III Pass Rates	_ ,			
Section IV Low-Performing	Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation			
Section V Technology	program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative routes to state certification or licensure program, and that enrolls students			
Section VI Teacher Training	receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing			
Section VII Contextual Information	the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the			
Print Report Card	Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special			
Change Program	education, and instruction of limited English proficient students. IHEs that do not have a			
Account Information	teacher preparation program in one or more of the areas listed below can enter NA for the area(s) in which the IHE does not have that program.			
Instructions	area(s) in winch the	in b does not have that program.		
Glossary	Teacher shortage			
Contact Us	area	Goal for increasing prospective teachers trained		
	Mathematics	Academic year: (format: 2008-09)		
		Goal:		
		Goal met? ○ Yes • No		
		Description of strategies used to achieve goal:		
		^		
		Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons		
		learned in meeting goal:		
		<u></u>		
	Science	Academic year: (format: 2008-09)		

Figure 22. Section II Assurances



Section III. Pass Rates

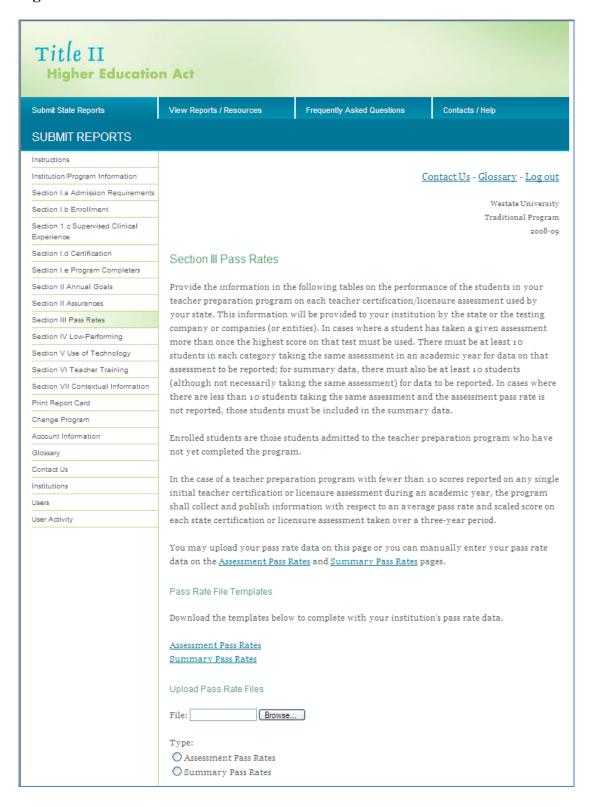
This section allows users to provide the information on the performance of the students in their teacher preparation program on each initial teacher certification or licensure assessment used in the state.

The following points are important to remember when reporting these data:

- This information will be provided to you by the state or the testing company or companies.
- In cases where a student has taken a given assessment more than once, the highest score on that test must be used.
- There must be at least 10 students in each category taking the same assessment in an academic year for data on that assessment to be reported; for summary data, there must also be at least 10 students (although not necessarily taking the same assessment) for data to be reported.
- In cases where there are less than 10 students taking the same assessment and the assessment pass rate is not reported, those students must be included in the summary data.
- Enrolled students are those students admitted to the teacher preparation program who have not yet completed the program.
- Not all categories of students will be applicable to every IHE. For example, if your IHE has interwoven clinical and nonclinical elements into every course so that there are no "nonclinical courses," the "all enrolled students who have completed all nonclinical courses" group would not apply, and you would not report any data in this category.
- In the case of a teacher preparation program with fewer than 10 scores reported on any single initial teacher certification or licensure assessment during an academic year, the program shall collect and publish information with respect to an average pass rate and scaled score on each state certification or licensure assessment taken over a three-year period.

On the left side of the page, click on the link for **Section III Pass Rates** (see Figure 23).

Figure 23. Section III Pass rates



There are three mechanisms for reporting your data for this section: uploading, downloading templates and manually entering data.

The most common format is to upload the data files that you received from the testing company. If you upload the data files, be sure to click the radio button for **Assessment Pass Rate** (see figure 24) or **Summary Pass Rate** (see figure 25), depending on which is applicable to the file you are uploading.

The second mechanism for loading the data into the system is to download assessment and summary pass rate data templates. This can be done by clicking the link **Assessment Pass Rates** or **Summary Pass Rates**. As a result of clicking this link, an Excel worksheet will be produced, allowing you to enter data in the format acceptable for downloading. After you enter the data into the Excel spreadsheet, you will upload the file as instructed above. See Appendix A for tips on working with these spreadsheets.

Figure 24. Assessment pass rates

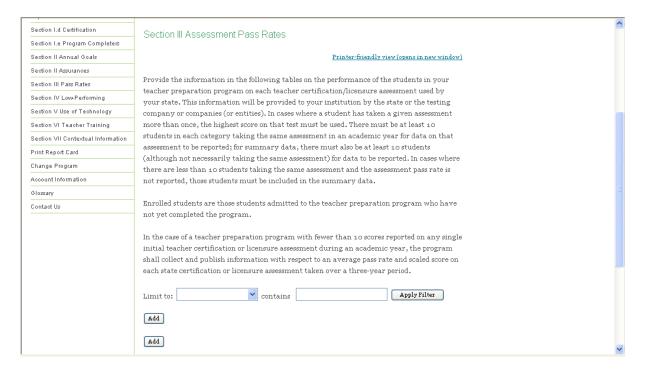


Figure 25. Summary pass rates page Title II **Higher Education Act** Contacts / Help Submit State Reports View Reports / Resources Frequently Asked Questions SUBMIT REPORTS Instructions Contact Us - Glossary - Log out Institution/Program Information Section I.a Admission Requirements Westate University Section I.b Enrollment Traditional Program Section I.c Supervised Clinical 2008-09 Experience Section I.d Certification Section III Summary Pass Rates Section I.e Program Completers Section II Annual Goals Printer-friendly view (opens in new window) Section II Assurances Add Section III Pass Rates Section III Assessment Pass Rates Page 1 Section III Summary Pass Rates Number Number <u>Statewide</u> Pass Pass Section IV Low-Performing taking one or passing average Academic Year Rate Update Section V Use of Technology more required all tests pass rate (%) <u>taken</u> <u>(%)</u> <u>tests</u> Section VI Teacher Training Section VII Contextual Information Edit All program 457 423 Delete Section VIII Report Card Certification completers, 2008-09 Print Report Card Edit All program 443 422 95 90 Change Program completers, 2007-08 Delete Account Information Edit All program 428 398 93 90 completers, 2006-07 Delete Contact Us Page 1

Section IV. Low Performing

From the left side of the page, click on the link for **Section IV Low performing** (see Figure 26).

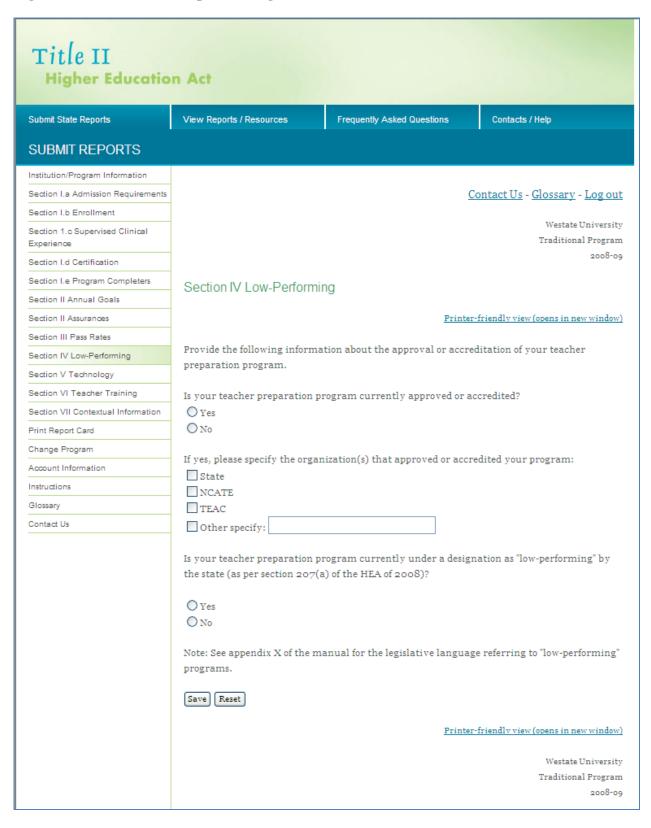
In this section, provide information about the approval or accreditation of your teacher preparation program.

Each state has its own state-specific definition of low performing. Confer with your state to determine if your program meets your state's definition.

Once you have entered information in this section, choose the appropriate button (**Save**, **Reset**) at the bottom of the page.

If this section is not complete when you click the **Save** button, you will get a pop-up reminder with a list of questions that still need to be answered. The data you have entered have been saved, but additional questions may need to be answered before you complete and submit your report. This reminder is generated in real time, so each time you respond to a question, the question will be removed from the list.

Figure 26. Section IV Low performing



Section V. Use of Technology

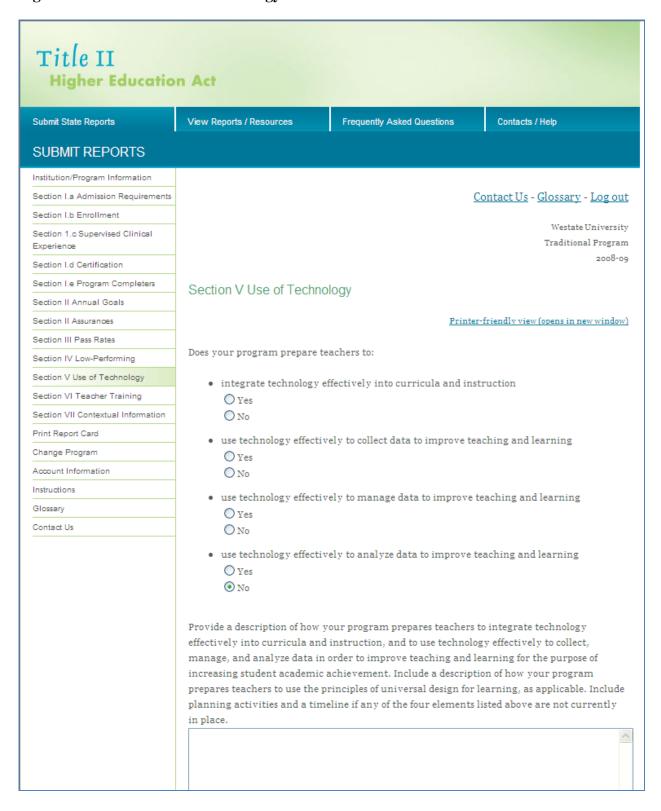
From the left side of the page, click on the link for **Section V Use of Technology** (see Figure 27).

In this section, provide information about the use of technology in the teacher preparation program. The text box does not have a character limit; however, we encourage you to **be brief, concise and to the point when entering text.**

Once you have entered information in this section, choose the appropriate button (**Save**, **Reset**) at the bottom of the page.

If this section is not complete when you click the **Save** button, you will get a pop-up reminder with a list of questions that still need to be answered. The data you have entered have been saved, but additional questions may need to be answered before you complete and submit your report. This reminder is generated in real time, so each time you respond to a question, the question will be removed from the list.

Figure 27. Section V Use of technology



Section VI. Teacher Training

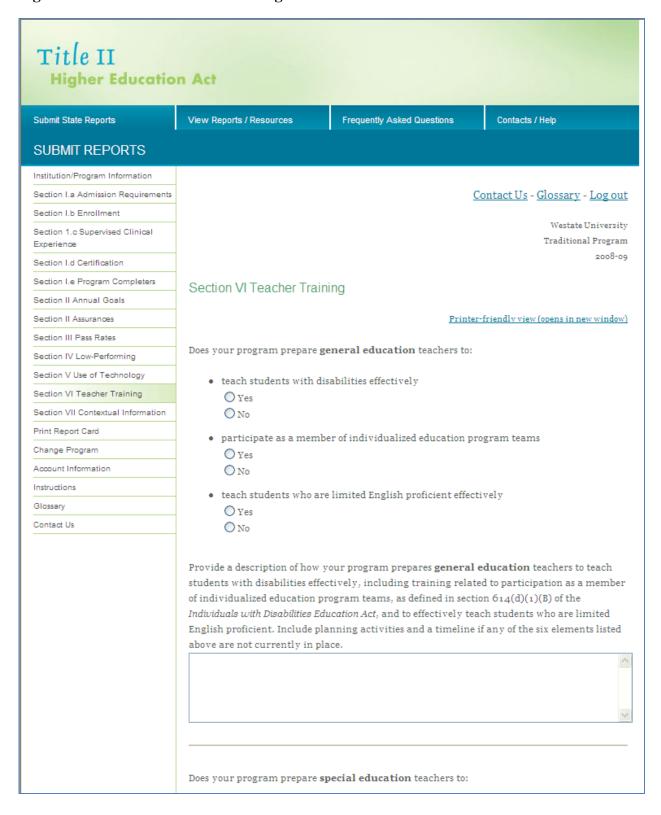
From the left side of the page, click on the link for **Section VI Teacher Training** (see Figure 28).

In this section, provide information about the preparation of both general and special education teachers. The text box does not have a character limit; however, we encourage you to be brief, concise and to the point when entering text.

Once you have entered information in this section, choose the appropriate button (**Save**, **Reset**) at the bottom of the page.

If this section is not complete when you click the **Save** button, you will get a pop-up reminder with a list of questions that still need to be answered. The data you have entered have been saved, but additional questions may need to be answered before you complete and submit your report. This reminder is generated in real time, so each time you respond to a question, the question will be removed from the list.

Figure 28. Section VI Teacher training



Section VII. Contextual Information (Optional)

From the left side of the page, click on the link for **Section VII Contextual Information** (see Figure 29).

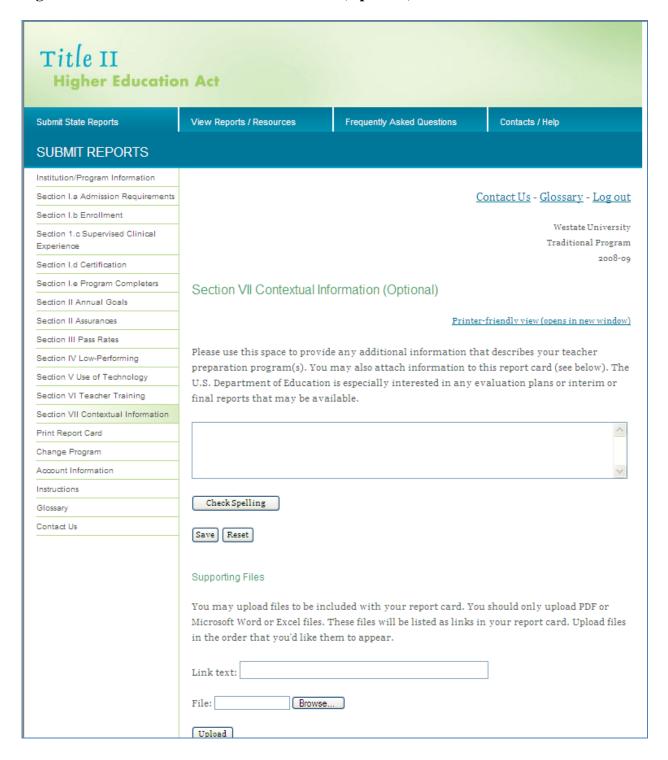
This section is optional; it can be used to provide supplementary information. In this section, you can provide any additional information that describes your teacher preparation program(s) or gives context for the responses you provided throughout your report.

You may also attach information to this report card. If you do attach supplementary information, please note you can only upload Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel or Adobe PDF documents.

When uploading a document, click the **Browse** button to navigate your computer and select a document. Once you have selected your document, click open. Click the **Upload** button to finish the upload process. In the Link Text box, provide a brief title or description of the document. The files you upload will be listed as links in your report card. Upload files in the order that you'd like them to appear.

Once you have entered information in this section, choose the appropriate button (**Save**, **Reset**) in the middle of the page.

Figure 29. Section VII Contextual information (Optional)

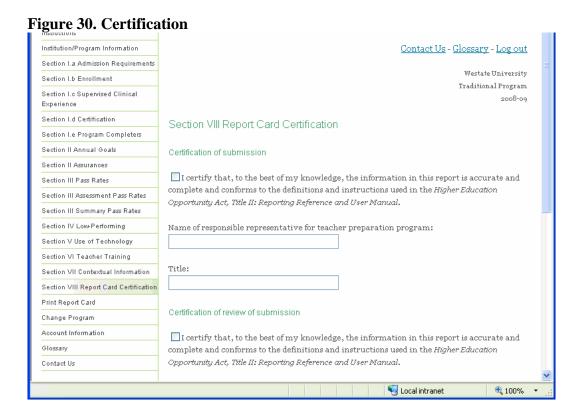


Section VIII. Certification

On the left side of the page, click on the link for **Section VIII Certification** (see Figure 30). Upon entering this section, the system will run a check to ensure the report is complete. If the report is not complete, the system will present a list of questions that have been left unanswered. You can click on the link to the section(s) listed to bring you directly to the page where there are unanswered questions. Data verification features have been implemented to assist you in ensuring the quality and accuracy of the information being reported. The data verification report, which provides edit check information, is generated in real time and is always available in Section VIII; you do not need to certify your report in order to view the edit check information.

When all sections of the report have been completed, and the report has been reviewed by the appropriate person (e.g., university president), you are ready to certify your report. Select the check box under Certification of submission. Enter your name and title. Select the check box under Certification of review of submission. Enter the name and title of the reviewer. Checking these boxes indicates that the report is complete and that the information in the report is accurate.

When this section is complete, the system will automatically send you an email indicating that the certification process is complete. The state Title II coordinator will receive a copy of this email. In order for the e-mail verification of data certification to work properly, your browser must allow pop-up windows. Please disable any pop-up blockers to use this feature. You will no longer have access to your report in order to edit it, so be sure that the report is complete before it is certified. Be sure to follow any other report certification procedures specified by your state.



Printing Your Report

From the left side of the page, click on the **Print Report Card** link. From here (see Figure 31), you may print your complete report. To print the report, use your browser print function. For example, if you are using Internet Explorer, you should see a Print button at the top of your browser window. Click on this button to print the report or click on File from the menu at the top of the screen and then choose Print. You cannot enter data in this section, you can only view the questions and data that have been entered.

Depending on your window or browser settings, some sections (Section III, for example) will print better in landscape format. Also, many of the sections can be quite lengthy. Printing the entire report at once may take <u>several</u> minutes. You must wait for entire report to load on the screen before printing.

Figure 31. Print menu



Updating User Account Information

From the left side of the page, click on the **Account Information** link. From here (see Figure 32), you may update your contact information, user name and password.

Once you have entered information in this section, choose the appropriate button (**Save**, **Reset**) at the bottom of the page.

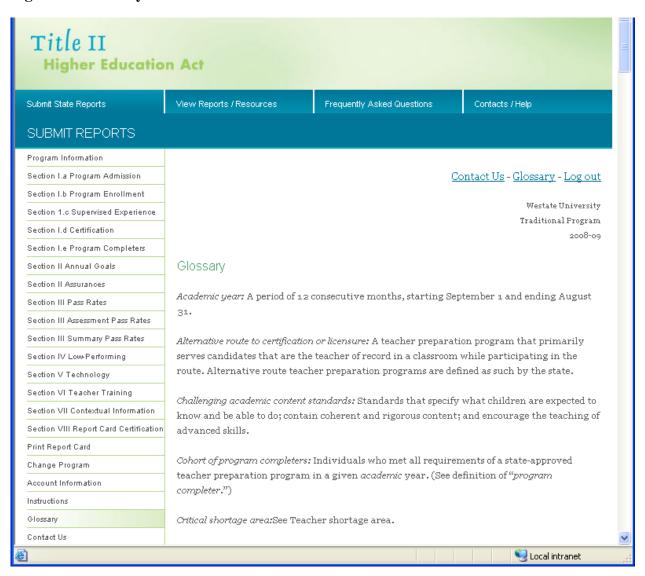
Figure 32. User account information



Glossary

For your reference, the glossary can be found by clicking **Glossary** link on the left side menu or at the top or bottom of each page. (See Figure 33). A new window will open with the Glossary.

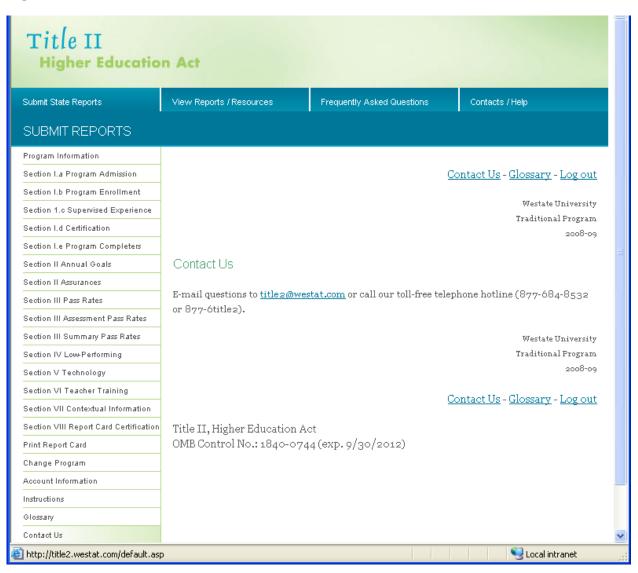
Figure 33. Glossary



Contact Us

For your reference, contact information can be found by clicking **Contact Us** link on the left side menu. (See Figure 34). Contact Westat for technical assistance in using this system. Contact your state Title II coordinator with questions about your responses.

Figure 34. Contact us



Appendix A Title II Tips for Reporting

Pass Rate Templates

Section 205 of Title II of the *Higher Education Act* (as amended in 2008) requires teacher preparation programs to report data on the assessments used for teacher certification or licensure by the state. These data include the number of test takers, the number who passed, the pass rate, the average scaled score and the minimum passing score for each assessment. States must report these data for each IHE (traditional and alternative routes) and non-IHE-based alternative route. For Title II reporting, all traditional teacher preparation programs at a single IHE are to be considered a single program. Similarly, all alternative routes at a single IHE are to be considered a single program.

Pass rate data will be reported at the single assessment level and at the summary level. At the single assessment level, pass rate data for each assessment taken by each group of students will be aggregated into a state summary pass rate. At the summary level, the pass rate data for each completer group will be aggregated to present the percentage of students who passed all tests they took for their area of specialization among those who took one or more tests in their specialization areas. Summary pass rates will not be computed for the enrolled groups of students as it is expected that they will not have declared their area of specialization, and the number and types of tests required for their areas of specialization would be unknown. The pass rate data for the traditional routes will be reported separately from the pass rate data for the alternative routes.

Data templates are provided to report pass rates and related data. These templates are provided in Excel format (.xls) and are required to be used to report pass rate data. You can also download a data template from the institutional (IPRC) or state (SRS) reporting systems. Once you have downloaded and saved a file, you can work in that file without being logged into the reporting system.

Pass rate files will undergo rigorous system checks as they are uploaded. Any errors will be reported immediately to you in an error message. Some errors will prevent you from uploading the file(s). Some errors must be corrected after the file is uploaded. To avoid these errors, please review the checklist before submitting or uploading pass rate files.

Variables

GROUP	DESCRIPTION
1	All enrolled students who have completed all nonclinical courses
2	Other enrolled students
3	All program completers, current year
4	All program completers, prior year
5	All program completers, two years prior
6	All program completers, combined three years (summary pass rate files only)

TESTCOMPANY	DESCRIPTION
1	Educational Testing Service (ETS)
2	Evaluation Systems group of Pearson
3	College Board
4	American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)
5	American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)
98	State
99	Other

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Field Name	Description	Max Length	Field Type
INSTCODE	Unique code to identify the institution	6	Text
INSTNAME	Name of the institution	100	Text
ASSESSMENTCODE	Unique code to identify the assessment	8	Text
ASSESSMENTNAME	Name of the assessment	50	Text
TESTCOMPANY	Use code to identify test company	8	Numeric
LOWSCORE	Lowest possible score on assessment	8	Numeric
HIGHSCORE	Highest possible score on assessment	8	Numeric
CUTSCORE	Minimum passing score on assessment	8	Numeric
GROUP	Use code to identify status of students	8	Numeric
TAKERS	Number of test takers	8	Numeric
AVGSCALED	Average scaled score on assessment	8	Numeric
PASSERS	Of total test takers, number who passed	8	Numeric
PASSRATE	Percentage of test takers who passed	8	Numeric
STAVGPASSRATE	Statewide pass rate on assessment	8	Numeric
STAVGSCALED	Statewide average scaled score on assessment	8	Numeric

Variables continued

Table D2
Use for: summary pass rates for traditional teacher preparation programs within IHEs Filename: TableD2.xls

Field Name	Description	Max Length	Field Type
INSTCODE	Unique code to identify the institution	6	Text
INSTNAME	Name of the institution	100	Text
GROUP	Use code to identify status of students	8	Numeric
TAKERS	Number of test takers	8	Numeric
PASSERS	Of total test takers, number who passed	8	Numeric
PASSRATE	Percentage of test takers who passed	8	Numeric
STAVGPASSRATE	Statewide summary pass rate	8	Numeric

Table D3
Use for: single assessment pass rates for alternative teacher preparation programs within IHEs Filename: TableD3.xls

Field Name	Description	Max Length	Field Type
INSTCODE	Unique code to identify the institution	6	Text
INSTNAME	Name of the institution	100	Text
ASSESSMENTCODE	Unique code to identify the assessment	8	Text
ASSESSMENTNAME	Name of the assessment	50	Text
TESTCOMPANY	Use code to identify test company	8	Numeric
LOWSCORE	Lowest possible score on assessment	8	Numeric
HIGHSCORE	Highest possible score on assessment	8	Numeric
CUTSCORE	Minimum passing score on assessment	8	Numeric
GROUP	Use code to identify status of students	8	Numeric
TAKERS	Number of test takers	8	Numeric
AVGSCALED	Average scaled score on assessment	8	Numeric
PASSERS	Of total test takers, number who passed	8	Numeric
PASSRATE	Percentage of test takers who passed	8	Numeric
STAVGPASSRATE	Statewide pass rate on assessment	8	Numeric
STAVGSCALED	Statewide average scaled score on assessment	8	Numeric

Variables continued

Table D4
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Field Name	Description	Max Length	Field Type
INSTCODE	Unique code to identify the institution	6	Text
INSTNAME	Name of the institution	100	Text
GROUP	Use code to identify status of students	8	Numeric
TAKERS	Number of test takers	8	Numeric
PASSERS	Of total test takers, number who passed	8	Numeric
PASSRATE	Percentage of test takers who passed	8	Numeric
STAVGPASSRATE	Statewide summary pass rate	8	Numeric

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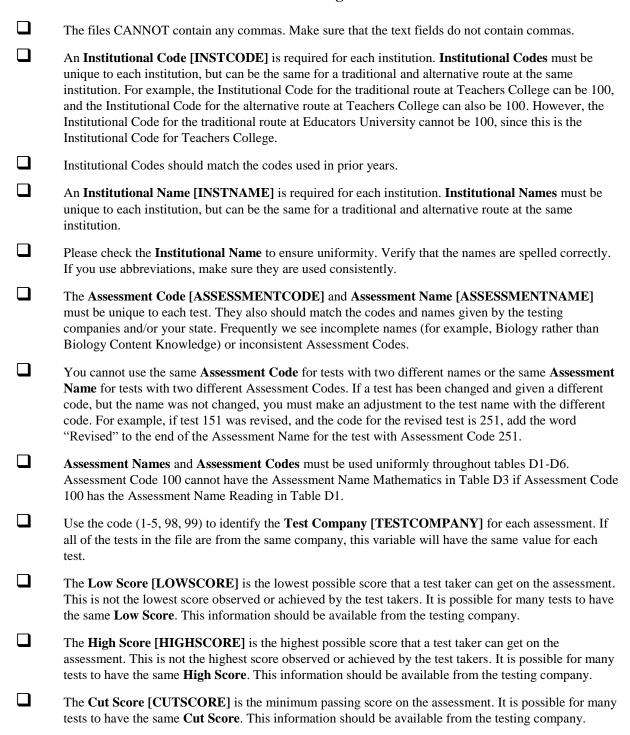
Field Name	Description	Max Length	Field Type
INSTCODE	Unique code to identify the institution	6	Text
INSTNAME	Name of the institution	100	Text
ASSESSMENTCODE	Unique code to identify the assessment	8	Text
ASSESSMENTNAME	Name of the assessment	50	Text
TESTCOMPANY	Use code to identify test company	8	Numeric
LOWSCORE	Lowest possible score on assessment	8	Numeric
HIGHSCORE	Highest possible score on assessment	8	Numeric
CUTSCORE	Minimum passing score on assessment	8	Numeric
GROUP	Use code to identify status of students	8	Numeric
TAKERS	Number of test takers	8	Numeric
AVGSCALED	Average scaled score on assessment	8	Numeric
PASSERS	Of total test takers, number who passed	8	Numeric
PASSRATE	Percentage of test takers who passed	8	Numeric
STAVGPASSRATE	Statewide pass rate on assessment	8	Numeric
STAVGSCALED	Statewide average scaled score on assessment	8	Numeric

Variables continued

Table D6
Use for: summary pass rates for alternative teacher preparation programs outside of IHEs Filename: TableD6.xls

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INSTCODE	Unique code to identify the institution	6	Text
INSTNAME	Name of the institution	100	Text
GROUP	Use code to identify status of students	8	Numeric
TAKERS	Number of test takers	8	Numeric
PASSERS	Of total test takers, number who passed	8	Numeric
PASSRATE	Percentage of test takers who passed	8	Numeric
STAVGPASSRATE	Statewide summary pass rate	8	Numeric

✓ Troubleshooting Check List



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Use the code (1-6) to identify the Group [GROUP] of students taking the assessments. Once a student becomes a program completer, he or she is no longer included in the enrolled student groups. It is possible for a student to be in the same cohort for more than one year. It is possible to have zero students in the "all enrolled students who have completed all nonclinical courses" group if clinical experiences are incorporated throughout the teacher preparation program. See the Glossary section of this document for the definition of enrolled student and program completer.
Group 6 will only be used in Tables D2, D4 or D6 when an institution as a whole is submitting fewer than 10 completers in two of the last three, or all three, years being reported. Group 6 will include the completers from all three years being reported.
The number of test Takers [TAKERS] must be a number equal to or greater than zero, even if it is fewer than 10. If the record is left blank, it will not be loaded. Do not include tests in the file that had zero test takers.
The Average scaled score [AVGSCALED] must be a number equal to or greater than zero. See the Definitions section of this document for the definition of scaled score. The average scaled score should be blank if there are fewer than 10 test takers.
The number Passing [PASSERS] should be blank if there are fewer than 10 test takers. It must also be less than or equal to the number of takers.
The Pass rate [PASSRATE] should be blank if there are fewer than 10 test takers. It must be equal to the number of passers divided by the number of takers.
Pass rate percentages will be reported to the nearest whole percent (i.e., 98 percent, not 98.2 percent or 98.23 percent). Rounding will use the third (thousandths) digit, and in some cases the next after that (fourth). As an example, 98.49 percent would become 98 percent; 98.50 would become 99 percent. Round percentages of 99.50 and above to 100 percent.
The Statewide Pass Rate [STAVGPASSRATE] must be equal to the number of passers divided by the number of takers in the state. The statewide pass rate should be blank if there are fewer than 10 test takers in the state on the assessment (Tables D1, D3, D5) or fewer than 10 test takers in the state overall (Table D2, D4, D6).
The Statewide Average Scaled Score [STAVGSCALED] must be a number equal to or greater than zero. The statewide average scaled score should be blank if there are fewer than 10 test takers in the state on the assessment (Tables D1, D3, D5) or fewer than 10 test takers in the state overall (Table D2, D4, D6).
There must be a Table D2 record for every school listed in D1. Table D1 collects single assessment information at the IHE level, and D2 collects this IHE information at the summary level. All schools with assessment information in D1 must be aggregated and listed in D2. This is also the case with Table D4 and D3 and Tables D6 and D5. Summary pass rates must aggregate pass rate data from all testing companies used in the state.
There must be a statewide record for each assessment in D1, D3 and D5.
There must be a summary statewide record in D2, D4 and D6. Summary pass rates must aggregate pass rate data from all testing companies used in the state.
The statewide summary records must use the IHE or Program Code 9999. State summary records must be named Statename Summary (Alabama Summary for example)